

# TELEGRAM

Foreign Service of the  
United States of America

INCOMING AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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Control: 8816

FM AMCONSUL RECIFE

TO RFHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 2764

RUESUA/AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO 3355

INFO RUESUZ/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA 283

RUESUP/AMCONSUL SAO PAULO 117

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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS HELD IN RECIFE  
WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT.

1. INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES IN RECIFE PASSED WITHOUT  
MAJOR INCIDENT. FEATURE ATTRACTION, MORNING PARADE BY SOME 6,000  
TROOPS OF VARIOUS MILITARY UNITS STATIONED HERE, WELL ATTENDED  
BY PUBLIC ALTHOUGH MANY MORE TOOK TO BEACHES. ONLY ATTEMPT  
TO SABOTAGE CELEBRATIONS OCCURRED DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS  
OF SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN TWO "BOMBS" THROWN IN VICINITY OF REVIEWING  
STANDS FROM CAR WITH LICENSE PLATES COVERED. BOMBS DID NOT  
EXPLODE

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2. BOMB ATTEMPT MENTIONED TO CONSUL GENERAL MORNING OF PARADE  
BY ACTING MAYOR OF RECIFE AND DOPS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO  
CONSUL GENERAL. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, NEAR WHERE BOMBS  
FOUND WERE COPIES OF ONE-PAGE POORLY MIMEOGRAPHED DECLARATION  
BY "FRENTE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIA" PROMISING CONTINUING  
VIOLENCE AGAINST TYRANNY AND CONCLUDING QUOTE EYE FOR AN EYE,  
TOOTH FOR TOOTH UNQUOTE. STATEMENT REFERRED TO LIBERATION OF  
15 PRISONERS AS EVIDENCE ABILITY RESIST DICTATORSHIP.

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3. CONSUL GENERAL PRESENT DURING TWO-HOUR PARADE AND LATER  
CITY AND STATE OBSERVANCES NOTED NO INCIDENTS. NO KNOWN  
DISTURBANCES ELSEWHERE IN DISTRICT.

4. COMMENTING ON "BOMB" ATTEMPT, ACTING RECIFE MAYOR WHO  
STAUNCH CONSERVATIVE WITH LINKS TO LOCAL "HARD-LINE" MILITARY,  
TOLD CONSUL GENERAL HE BELIEVES GOB WILL UNDERTAKE MORE  
FORCEFUL MEASURES FIGHT SUBVERSION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND  
PREDICTED THAT "U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES, FOLLOWING KIDNAPPING  
OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, WILL UNDERSTAND NECESSITY USE EXTREME  
MEASURES." GP-3.

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